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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April 28, 2025, at Fresno, California.

ELISA RODRIGUEZ Paralegal Contractor

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA COURT CASE NUMBER: 1:24-CR-00110-JLT-SKO: NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

Notice is hereby given that on January 23, 2025, in the case of <u>U.S. v. Roman</u> <u>Rodriguez</u>, Court Case Number 1:24-CR-00110-JLT-SKO, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California entered an Order condemning and forfeiting the following property to the United States of America:

MSI Laptop Model MS-174K and Drive, SanDisk 128 Gigabyte USB Flash Drive which were seized from Roman Rodriguez on February 27, 2024, in Bakersfield, CA (24-ICE-001524), and

Apple iPhone 15, and Samsung Galaxy S24 which were seized from Roman Rodriguez on February 27, 2024, in Bakersfield, CA (24-ICE-001525).

The United States hereby gives notice of its intent to dispose of the forfeited property in such manner as the United States Attorney General may direct. Any person, other than the defendant(s) in this case, claiming interest in the forfeited property must file an ancillary petition within 60 days of the first date of publication (March 25, 2025) of this Notice on this official government internet web site, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1). The ancillary petition must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, 2500 Tulare Street, First Floor, Fresno, CA 93721, and a copy served upon Assistant United States Attorney Brittany Gunter, 2500 Tulare Street, 4401 Federal Building, Fresno, CA 93721. The ancillary petition shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in the forfeited property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title and interest in the forfeited property and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n).

Following the Court's disposition of all ancillary petitions filed, or if no such petitions are filed, following the expiration of the period specified above for the filing of such ancillary petitions, the United States shall have clear title to the property and may warrant good title to any subsequent purchaser or transferee.

The government may also consider granting petitions for remission or mitigation, which pardon all or part of the property from the forfeiture. A petition must include a description of your interest in the property supported by documentation; include any facts you believe justify the return of the property; and be signed under oath, subject to the penalty of perjury, or meet the requirements of an unsworn statement under penalty of perjury. See 28 U.S.C. Section 1746. For the regulations pertaining to remission or mitigation of the forfeiture, see 28 C.F.R. Sections 9.1 - 9.9. The criteria for remission of the forfeiture are found at 28 C.F.R. Section 9.5(a). The criteria for mitigation of the forfeiture are found at 28 C.F.R. Section 9.5(b). The petition for remission need not be

Case 1:24-cr-00110-JLT-SKO Document 29 Filed 04/28/25 Page 4 of 5 made in any particular form and may be filed online or in writing. You should file a petition for remission not later than 11:59 PM EST 30 days after the date of final publication of this notice. See 28 C.F.R. Section 9.3(a). The <a href="https://www.forfeiture.gov/FilingPetition.htm">https://www.forfeiture.gov/FilingPetition.htm</a> website provides access to a standard petition for remission form that may be mailed and the link to file a petition for remission online. If you cannot find the desired assets online, you must file your petition for remission in writing by sending it to Assistant United States Attorney Brittany Gunter, 2500 Tulare Street, 4401 Federal Building, Fresno, CA 93721. This website provides answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about filing a petition for remission. You may file both an ancillary petition with the court and a petition for remission or mitigation.



## **Advertisement Certification Report**

The Notice of Publication was available on the <a href="www.forfeiture.gov">www.forfeiture.gov</a> web site for at least 18 hours per day between March 25, 2025 and April 23, 2025. Below is a summary report that identifies the uptime for each day within the publication period and reports the results of the web monitoring system's daily check that verifies that the advertisement was available each day.

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For Asset ID(s): See Attached Advertisement Copy

Consecutive Calendar Day Count	Date Advertisement Appeared on the Web Site	Total Hours Web Site was Available during Calendar Day	Verification that Advertisement existed on Web Site
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4	03/28/2025	23.9	Verified
5	03/29/2025	23.9	Verified
6	03/30/2025	23.9	Verified
7	03/31/2025	23.9	Verified
8	04/01/2025	23.9	Verified
9	04/02/2025	23.9	Verified
10	04/03/2025	24.0	Verified
11	04/04/2025	23.9	Verified
12	04/05/2025	23.9	Verified
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